MAYHEM

ISSUE #3

SKATE RAG

CAREY SCOTT MATLES,
THANKS FOR THE COPY OF "MAYHEM". I HAD A GOOD TIME READING IT AND ENJOYED CATCHING UP ON SOME OF THE EAST COAST SKATE ACTION. SEEMS TO BE A LOT HAPPENING OUT THERE. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK AND KEEP SKATING.

RADICALLY YOURS,
JIM GOODRICH
GULLWING PRODUCTS
EL CAJON, CA

DEAR SKATER,
I FOUND THE ADDRESS IN "LOCAL CHAOS" SKATE-ZINE. MY NAME IS VICTOR AND I AM AN ENGINEERING STUDENT AT STEVENS TECH IN HOBOKEN. I MOSTLY STREET SKATE, BUT ON RARE OCCASIONS, I GET A CHANCE TO HIT A VERT WHEN I GO HOME. I SKATE THE HALFPIPE THAT IS IN THE WALKER ADS WITH STEVE HERRING IN THE PIC.....

TAKE CARE AND SKATE SAFE,
VICTOR GERDES
HOBOKEN, NJ

PLATE OF THE MONTH

"MARYLAND"
THRASH

DEAR MAYHEM,
I WAS ANNOYED BY THE REVIEW OF FEAR WHICH APPEARED IN YOUR JANUARY ISSUE. DREAD, YOUR REVIEWER MADE SEVERAL MISSTATEMENTS ABOUT THE ALBUM AND, AS HIS MOTHER, I OUGHT TO KNOW. IN THE FIRST PLACE, I HAVE NOT AND DON'T INTEND TO DISOWN HIM- CERTAINLY NOT FOR PLAYING ME THIS ALBUM. IN FACT, I'M LISTENING TO MY TAPE AS I WRITE THIS.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. TRY AND INCLUDE SOME OF D.C.'S OWN HARDCORE GROUPS, BUT REMEMBER, NEW YORK'S ALRIGHT IF YOU LIKE SAXAPHONES.

LOVE,
DREAD'S MOM
TAKOMA PARK, MD

P.S. I WAS LISTENING TO HARDCORE WHEN HE WAS STILL IN THE 8TH GRADE, F'CRISSAKES.

C.S. MATLES,
THANKS FOR THE RECENT ISSUE OF MAYHEM. BRAND-X WILL BE INTRODUCING SOME NEW BOARDS IN A FEW MONTHS AS SOON AS WE FINALIZE THE PROTOTYPES. SPRING WILL SPRUNG AND SKATE MADNESS IS EVERYWHERE.

KEEP IN TOUCH,
BRAD
BRAND-X PRODUCTS
SANTA BARBARA, CA

A RECORD-SMASHING SESSION WILL BE HELD BY THE MOTORMUTT ON MAY 12TH AT THE CHINATOWN RAMP. IF IT'S NOT HARDCORE OR POWERMETAL, IT WILL BE SMASHED! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, LET US KNOW BY WRITING TO THE MOTORMUTT, C/O MAYHEM.

MAYHEM "SKATE OR DIE" STICKERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN DAY-GLO GREEN! YOU CAN GET YOURS BY CONTACTING MAYHEM!!

TWO NEW RAGS WE'VE RECEIVED:
"SKATE AGRESSION" FROM BURLINGHAM, CA AND "RISE ABOVE" FROM GREENVILLE, SC

!?

GUESS THIS SKATER AND WIN A PRIZE!

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER IN WRITING TO MAYHEM.

THE ANSWER TO LAST ISSUE'S "GUESS THIS SKATER": YOUR MILD-MANNERED EDITOR!

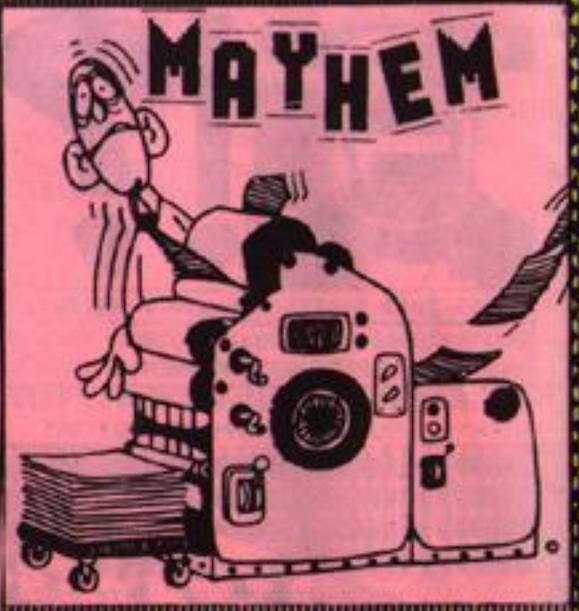
ON A RECENT TRIP TO THE MAGO VISTA SKATE FRONT, WE LOCATED TWO NEW RAMPS (WHAT MORE COULD A SKATER ASK FOR)! RAMP #1 - "ANTHONY'S RAMP": THERE ARE A COUPLE OF THINGS THAT MAKE THIS RAMP VERY FAST: THE FLAT SECTION AT THE BOTTOM IS AT A SLIGHT INCLINE DOWNWARD. NEITHER WALL HITS EXACTLY VERTICAL AND THE PLYWOOD SHEETS LIE LONGWAYS FOR EXTRA SPEED. THIS RAMP IS WORTH CHECKING OUT! RAMP #2 - "A.J.'S RAMP" AKA "THE GREAT DESERT RAMP": WHEN I SAW THIS RAMP, I JUST ABOUT FELL OVER! IT'S TWENTY FEET WIDE, NINE FEET HIGH, THREE SHEETS OF FLAT, A CANYON, ROLL-OUT DECKS AND PVC COPING!! THIS RAMP SHOULD DEFINITELY PUT ANNAPOLIS BACK ON THE MAP! SKATE THIS RAMP OR EAT WALDO'S SHOELACES! (ANNANDALE BOYS, EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT!) IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY OBTAINED A LIABILITY FORM TO SKATE THIS RAMP, YOU CAN DO SO BY CONTACTING A.J. THROUGH MAYHEM!

LOCALIZM IS A SEGMENT FOR THOSE OF YOU SEEKING NEW SKATE TERRAIN. IN THIS ISSUE, I'LL SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE "SWAMP RAMP". I DON'T KNOW THE ACTUAL NAME OF THIS SO-CALLED HALFPIPE, SO THE LOCALS AND I DECIDED THAT THE "SWAMP RAMP" FIT. TO START WITH, THIS RAMP IS EXTREMELY KINKED AND HAS NO SMOOTH TRANSITION TO SPEAK OF. IT'S ABOUT NINE FEET HIGH ON ONE SIDE AND SIX ON THE OTHER, WITH A FOUR FOOT WIDE BY THREE FEET HIGH TOMBSTONE, WHICH SERVES NO PURPOSE AT ALL. IT'S ALSO LIMITED TO EIGHT FEET OF FLAT ON THE BOTTOM. IN MY OPINION, THE OWNER (ESPISITO) SHOULD EITHER REBUILD OR BURN DOWN! ANYONE INTERESTED IN SKATING THIS HOLE SHOULD CONTACT MAYHEM. BY THE WAY, ITS LOCATED IN THE PASADENA AREA. THIS ONE IS WORTH MISSING.

LATER SKATERS,

GP

MAYHEM



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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "MAYHEEM"??

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THERE ARE REALLY FOUR DECENT TRUCKS ON THE MARKET--INDEPENDENT, TRACKER, VARIFLEX AND GULLWING. I'VE NEVER REALLY RIDDEN THE NEW GULLWINGS, SO I'LL SKIP THEM. WHAT FOLLOWS ARE MY OWN PERSONAL OPINIONS ABOUT EACH OF THESE TRUCKS, HOWEVER THE BEST THING TO DO IS TRY THEM YOURSELF AND RIDE WHAT YOU LIKE.

TRACKER- THESE TRUCKS ARE AVAILABLE IN MID-TRACKS, FULL-TRACKS, EX-TRACKS AND SIX-TRACKS. THE SIX-TRACKS ARE THE WIDEST AT 8.5 INCHES AND SELL FOR $16.50. THESE ARE SLIGHTLY HEAVIER THAN THE INDY'S UNLESS THEY HAVE THE ULTRA-LITE BASEPLATE WHICH IS PLASTIC AND A LOT LIGHTER. I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG ONE OF THESE PLATES WILL LAST ALTHOUGH THE TRACKERS ARE STRONG TRUCKS. EVEN THOUGH I'VE BROKEN MILLIONS OF THE OLD TRUCKS, I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY OF THE NEW ONES BREAK. TRACKER MAKES THE LAPPER, A NO-HANGUP DEVICE WHICH MAKES A LOT OF NEW TRICKS POSSIBLE. IT WILL FIT ON ABOUT ANY TRUCK, EVEN VARIFLEX (WHICH IS A GOOD IDEA). YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRILL HOLES TO PUT ON A LAPPER EITHER. TRACKER COPERS TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO PUT ON BUT THEY LAST A LONG TIME.

INDEPENDENT- THESE ARE USUALLY SOLD IN 3 SIZES: 131'S, 151'S AND 169'S, WHICH I GUESS IS THEIR WIDTH IN MILLIMETERS. THEIR WIDEST TRUCK, THE 169 SELLS FOR A LIST PRICE OF ABOUT $16.50 AND IS 9 INCHES IN WIDTH (I HEAR THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE AN EVEN WIDER MODEL). THESE ARE STAGE III TRUCKS WHICH ARE BEEFED UP MORE THAN THE I'S OR II'S. I LIKE INDY'S; THEY'RE GOOD, STRONG FUNCTIONAL TRUCKS AND THEY'RE PROBABLY THE LIGHTEST. I'VE BROKEN A LOT OF INDY'S AND WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONCE, ALL IN THE SAME PLACE. THEY WOULD ALWAYS BREAK AT THE BASE OF THE KINGPIN BOLT SO I WOULD HAVE TO GET A NEW BASEPLATE. NOW, THEY'RE MADE SO THE KINGPIN BOLT CAN BE REMOVED AND REPLACED. INDY GRINDMASTERS ARE THE CHEAPEST AND EASIEST TO GET ON AND OFF.

VARIFLEX- THESE COME IN 2 SIZES: 8- AND 9-INCH. THE 9-INCH TRUCKS SELL FOR ABOUT $14.00. THESE TRUCKS MIGHT BE HEAVIER THAN THE TRACKERS--I DON'T KNOW. THEY'RE DESIGNED LIKE THE OLD GULLWINGS AND THEY HANG UP A LOT LESS THAN THE OTHER TRUCKS WITHOUT LAPPERS. I GUESS THEY'RE STRONG. I'VE HAD A PAIR ON MY BOARD FOR THREE YEARS AND NEVER BROKEN THEM. THEY'LL MAKE YOUR BOARD SIT UP A LITTLE HIGHER WHICH REALLY DOESN'T MATTER TO ME. I LIKE THESE TRUCKS THE BEST; I THINK I'M THE ONLY ONE THOUGH. THE COPERS ARE RIBBED THIN AND LAST LONGER THAN YOU'D THINK.

THE CONTEST WE MENTIONED IN THE LAST ISSUE WILL MOST LIKELY TAKE PLACE AT A.J.'S RAMP. A.J. WILL SCHEDULE THE EVENT SOME TIME THIS FALL. WE'VE HAD OFFERS OF PRIZE DONATIONS FROM VARIOUS COMPANIES. CONTACT US TO HELP PLAN FOR THIS EVENT.

PRODUCT REVIEWS BY BRIAN BLOOMFIELD

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EXCITER--VIOLENCE AND FORCE
IT'S ABOUT TIME THIS ALBUM CAME OUT! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR MONTHS AND IT WAS DEFINITELY WORTH THE WAIT! THIS IS AN EXCELLENT FOLLOW-UP TO THE BRILLIANT "HEAVY METAL MANIAC". THIS ALBUM COMBINES SPEED, POWER AND EXCELLENT KILLER-TUNES SUCH AS "DESTRUCTOR", "POUNDING METAL" (WHICH IS MY FAVORITE) AND "EVIL SINNER"! I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR CURRENT EUROPEAN / U.S. TOUR WITH THE RODS AND METALLICA! BUY OR DIE!

VENOM--WARHEAD
BLACK METAL IS HERE TO STAY AND VENOM PROVES IT WITH THIS MOLTEN PLATTER! MOVE OVER COPIERS- THE KINGS ARE BACK! SIDE ONE OF THIS THREE-SONG EP HAS "THE SEVEN GATES OF HELL", ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL TUNES I'VE EVER HEARD! SIDE TWO CRANKS OUT "WAR HEAD" AND "LADY LUST", TWO ANTHEMS OF BLACK POWER METAL! I'D SAY THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST EP'S I'VE HEARD THIS YEAR AND SO FAR MY FAVORITE. I CAN'T WAIT FOR THEIR UPCOMING ALBUM, "AT WAR WITH SATAN", WHICH I WILL REVIEW IN THE NEXT ISSUE!

METALLICA--KILL'EM ALL
CAREY ORIGINALLY TOLD ME TO GET THIS ALBUM AND I JUST WOULDN'T LISTEN, BUT BOY WAS HE RIGHT! THIS ALBUM KICKS! I'D SAY EVERY SONG ON THIS ALBUM FROM START TO FINISH IS BRILLIANT! THE ALBUM OPENS WITH "HIT THE LIGHTS" WHICH FIRST APPEARED ON "METAL MASSACARE ONE", MY FAVORITES ARE "WHIPLASH", "METAL MILITIA" AND "SEEK AND DESTROY"! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO "RIDE THE LIGHTNING", THEIR UPCOMING KILLER! BUY THIS ALBUM - IT'S A TRUE POWER METAL CLASSIC!!

POWER METAL
MOTORMUTT

MAYHEM STICKERS IN DAYGLO GREEN
GET'EM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE
FOUR FOR A DOLLAR

G.P. THRASHES THE PVC COPING DURING A MAYHEM PHOTO SESSION --CHINATOWN RAMP

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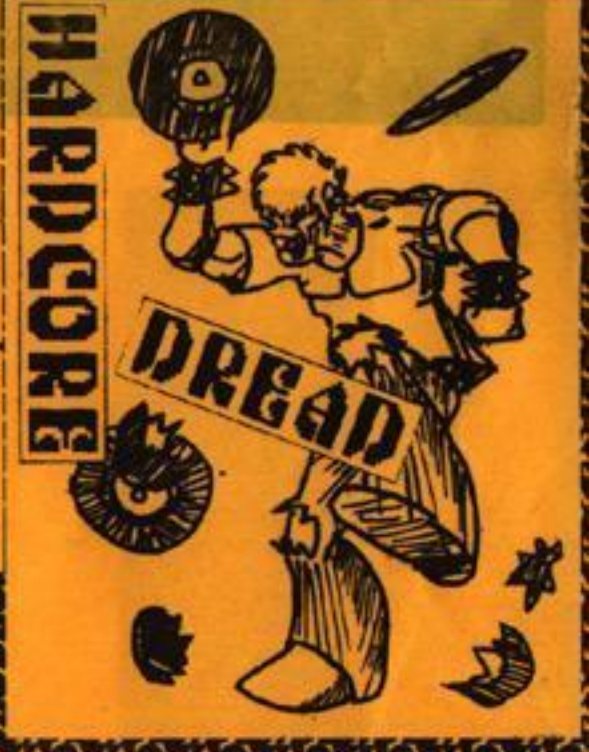
BLACK FLAG--MY WAR
FOR ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS HARDCORE BANDS AROUND, THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DISTRESSING ALBUM. THIS ISN'T HARDCORE OR METAL, BUT AN UNSUCCESSFUL BLENDING OF THE TWO. HENRY ROLLINS CROAKS TO GINN'S STUPID BASS LINES AND DEZ CADENA'S QUASI-METAL GUITAR. IT'S THIS GUITAR THAT I HAVE THE MOST PROBLEMS WITH; CADENA GENERATES A TALENTLESS IMITATION OF GUITAR SOLOS SO COMMON IN METAL. THE SONGS ARE SLOW AND NOT WELL DONE. ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE ALBUM SOUNDS AS THOUGH IT WAS RECORDED IN SOMEONE'S BASEMENT. BLACK FLAG SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS TRASH! IT'S TYPICAL OF MOST OF THE HARDCORE THESE DAYS (OR WHAT PASSES FOR IT). WHEN I LISTEN TO HARDCORE, I WANNA HEAR HARDCORE--NOT MUTED, POORLY-DONE METAL! IT'S EASY TO CRITICIZE, BUT I'M SORRY, "MY WAR" DOESN'T CUT IT! BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME.
RATING:X (ONLY BECAUSE IT'S BLACK FLAG!)

ISM--ISM
A 45 WITH THE BEST COVER I'VE EVER SEEN. IT FEATURES THE PERFORMERS OF ONE OF THE SINGLES IN A RATHER COMPROMISING POSITION. THE MANGLING OF THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY'S "I THINK I LOVE YOU" IS JUST SHORT OF CLASSIC. WHILE ISM DOESN'T HAVE THE SPEED OF SOME GROUPS, IT MAKES UP FOR IT WITH DEPRAVITY. THIS SEEMS TO BE A TREND OF SOME KIND.
RATING:XX

CIRCLE JERKS--GOLDEN SHOWER OF HITS
I LIKE IT. THE JERKS DABBLE IN HARDCORE WITH TUNES LIKE "JUNKMAIL", "PRODUCT OF MY ENVIRONMENT" AND METAL WITH "WHEN THE SH** HITS THE FAN" AND "UNDER THE GUN". THE BEST TRACK OF THE ALBUM IS THE TITLE SONG WHICH CONSISTS OF BITS OF POP HITS FROM THE EARLY SEVENTIES. LOT OF WASTED SPACE ON THIS ALBUM (NOT ENOUGH SONGS).
RATING:XXX

DICKS--PEACE?
NOT BAD BUT COULD THRASH A LITTLE MORE. LYRICS ARE SUITABLY VULGAR, BUT THE MUSIC'S A LITTLE SLOW.
RATING:XX



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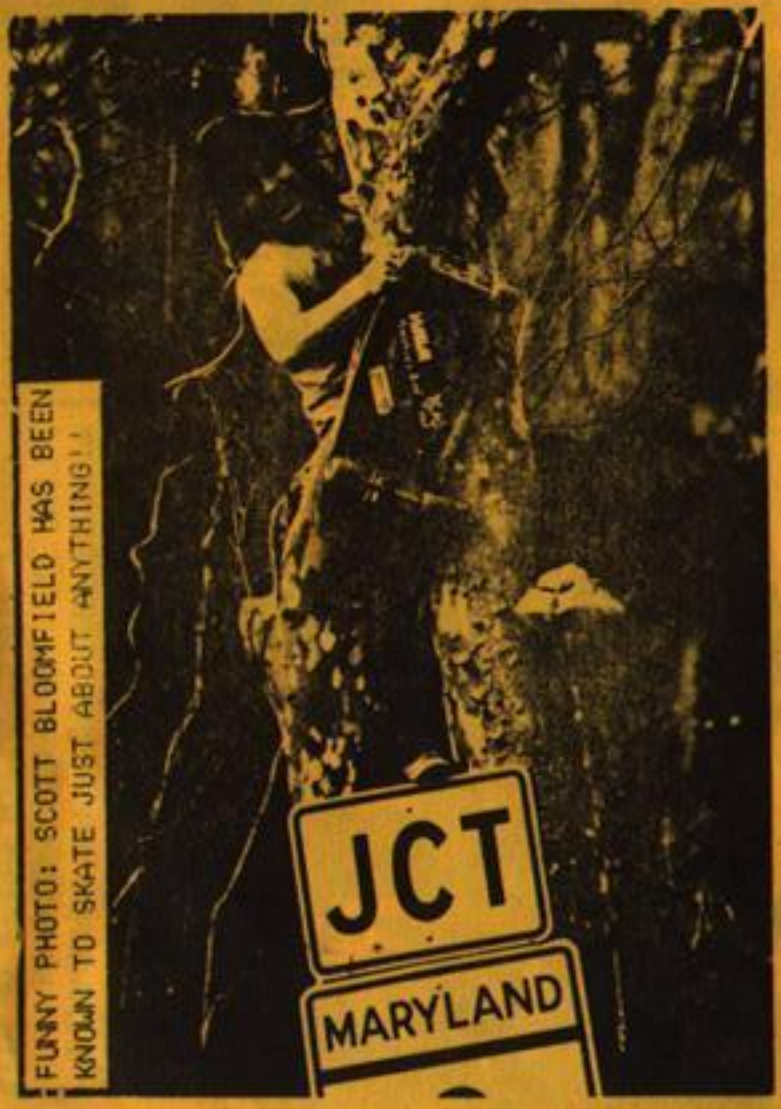

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